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Title : Large Diameter Brake Disc Having a Thermal Hinge

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted concurrently with a Request For Continued Examination. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 8, 2008. The three-month response due date is January 8, 2008.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.